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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC (CHIANG, JAMES I.)

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CITIZEN

1. DEPT. HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY REP. SAM B. HALL (TEXAS) REGARDING CONSTITUENT AND U.S. CITIZEN, MR. JAMES I. CHIANG WHO RESIDES IN MARSHALL, TEXAS AND ALSO MAINTAINS RESIDENCE AND OFFICE IN TAIPEI (11TH FLOOR, 3 TUN-HWA SOUTH ROAD, TAIPEI).

2. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, WHILE WAITING TO BOARD FLIGHT AT KENNEDY AIRPORT FOR LOS ANGELES, MR. CHIANG ALLEGEDLY APPROACHED BY TWO CHINESE WHO ATTEMPTED ABDUCT CHIANG UPON ESTABLISHING HIS IDENTITY. CHIANG WAS ABLE TO ELUDE THEM AND BOARDED FLIGHT MINUTES PRIOR TO TAKEOFF; THUS WAS UNABLE NOTIFY AIRPORT SECURITY POLICE.

3. MR. CHIANG SCHEDULED DEPART LOS ANGELES JULY 29 AT 1430 L.A. TIME FOR TAIPEI AND IS MOST ANXIOUS THAT EMBASSY BE NOTIFIED OF CONCERN FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND THAT OF WIFE PRESENTLY IN TAIPEI.

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4. REP. HALL PERSONALLY VOUCHES FOR CHIANG'S INTEGRITY AND GOOD REPUTATION IN HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND CLAIMS THAT CHIANG HAS NO OFFICIAL CONNECTION WITH CHINESE GOVERNMENT THOUGH HE HAS EXTENSIVE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN TAIWAN.

5. DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED REP. HALL TO ASK MR. CHIANG TO CONTACT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. REP. HALL WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMB ASSY WOULD ALERT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS APPROPRIATE. PLEASE KEEP DEPT. INFORMED THROUGH CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS. VANCE

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